Performance of DRTs

2917. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Debt Recovery Tribunals have shown good performance last year;

(b) if so, what was the amount recovered; and

(c) whether Government would review the performance of the tribunals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL) : (a) to (c) The number of cases disposed off (10233) during 2002-03 exceeded the number of cases registered afresh (8196). Similarly, recovery made through Debts Recovery Tribunals (DRTs) has also gone up from Rs. 2153 crores during 2001-02 to Rs. 3252 crores during 2002-03. The performance of DRTs is being monitored on continuous basis by the Government and steps are being taken from time to time to remove the legal and other hurdles in the way of smooth and efficient functioning of the DRTs.

Introduction of cash management

2918. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that for improving quality of public expenditure, Government have introduced cash management in some Government Departments;

(b) if so, the results achieved; and

(c) what are the future plans in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) to (c) Government have introduced Cash Management System in nine Departments from April, 2003 on a pilot basis, wherein expenditure ceilings are fixed on a quarterly basis, based on the actual requirement of the departments. This will reduce mis-match between receipts and expenditure and avoid rush of expnditure and associated possible waste of resources in the last quarter of the financial year. The experience of the pilot scheme will provide valuable inputs for deciding the scope of the Cash Management System.